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H. J. RES. 316

Designating March 8, 1994, as “International Women’s Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 2, 1994

Ms. WATERS (for herself, Mr. MANTON, Mr. FILNER, Mr. SWETT, Ms. BYRNE, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. MONTGOMERY, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CONYERS, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. DELLUMS, Mr. RAVENEL, Mr. KLEIN, Mr. ANDREWS of Texas, Miss COLLINS of Michigan, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. MORAN, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. CLAYTON, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. KOPETSKI, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. GORDON, Mr. COLEMAN, Mr. STOKES, Mr. LEWIS of California, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. FINGERHUT, Mrs. UNSOELD, Mr. ANDREWS of Maine, Mrs. MEEK, Mr. WALSH, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. HUGHES, Mr. TUCKER, Mrs. LLOYD, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. MURTHA, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. LAFALCE, Mr. VALENTINE, Mr. MINETA, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. ORTON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. NEAL of North Carolina, and Mr. FROST) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service

JOINT RESOLUTION

Designating March 8, 1994, as “International Women’s Day”.

Whereas International Women’s Day is officially celebrated by the United Nations and in countries throughout the world on March 8 of each year to honor the energy, spir-

it, resources, and concerns of women, who are half the human race;

Whereas the 1st International Women's Day observances were held in the United States and Europe in the beginning of the 20th century, at a time when the overwhelming majority of women throughout the world lived in poverty and lacked the right to vote and other basic legal and human rights;

Whereas International Women's Day recognizes that, despite the enormous progress women have made in many areas, women still face violence, poverty, and injustice, are paid significantly less than men, constitute 2/3 of the world's illiterate people, and constitute an average of only 11 percent of the members of national parliaments and legislatures;

Whereas International Women's Day acknowledges the continuing struggle of women worldwide to raise their social, political, economic, and educational status, to live in dignity and peace, and to participate equally with men in decisionmaking; and

Whereas International Women's Day promotes awareness of women's growing demands for equality in citizenship and leadership, and for full legal and human rights: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
- 2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That March 8, 1994, is designated as "International
- 4 Women's Day", and the President is authorized and re-
- 5 quested to issue a proclamation calling on the people of

- 1 the United States to observe the day with appropriate
- 2 ceremonies and activities.

